

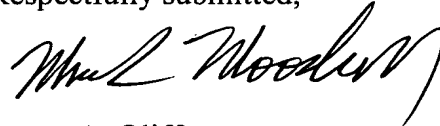
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-5 and 7 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 8-12 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein, as requested by the paper mailed on December 8, 2005.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-5 and 7 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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